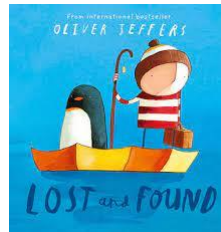
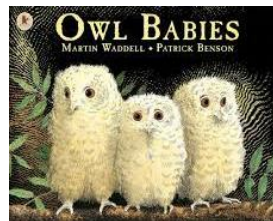


YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Wow what a busy half term it has been, the children have all settled in well and have been working hard on all of the challenges of Year 1. Thank you for all of your support as we introduce the children to the new routines and expectations for the year ahead.



This half term our 'Talk Through Stories' texts are **Owl Babies** and **Lost and Found**. These sessions help us to explore the text in detail and develop comprehension skills.

In **English** we will be using these books as a starting point for our writing combine elements of reading, writing and talk to plan and write a final piece. Throughout we will keep practicing perfect sentences and our handwriting – sitting letters on the line with an entry 'lead in'.



In **Mathematics** we will be continuing our work on number, exploring strategies for addition and subtraction. We will also be deepening our learning of place value and naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes.

Phonics	We will continue to use Oxford Owl to support reading at home. In addition you may receive an email with a link to a Phonics video – at the moment these will only be sent to specific groups if they are finding a particular sound tricky.
Phonics reading books	<p>Thank you for supporting your child with reading this half term. Just a reminder that these books are linked to our phonics lessons and fully decodable. This means that your child should be able to attempt all words independently and begin to build up fluency.</p> <p>You can challenge your child by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking them to predict events • Discuss the characters feelings • Changing the stories ending • Spot describing words (adjectives) in the texts

Half term challenge – In History we will be learning about homes from the past. If you are out and about take a look at the different homes or ask a family member what their childhood home was like comparing it to houses of today.

Foundation Subjects

Year 1 will be covering the following subjects this half term.

Science	We will be learning about animals and how to classify them - this includes mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish and insects. Then we will find out what they eat - will it be a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore? We have a workshop with 'The Creature Teachers' to support our learning - this will take place on Thursday 4 th December 2024 and is a fantastic hands-on animal experience for the children
DT	In Design and Technology we will be exploring joins and materials to create a windmill.
History	We will find out about our homes in our local area and then compare homes from the past with homes from today. There will be a chance to compare objects from the past and think about what they look like now.
RE	Our learning is linked to Christmas and will focus on Nativity Journeys.
PE	Both classes have PE with a specialist sports coach on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure children wear their PE kits to school - tracksuit bottoms are encouraged.

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th November - INSET Day

Tuesday 5th November - Guy Fawkes session (please send your child with a pair of gloves)

Wednesday 6st November - Fireworks @ Moorings Way 5.30pm - ticket only event - see separate information

Friday 8th November - Visit from Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital - We would appreciate a donation of £2 per child by Wednesday 6th November (new extended date) - see Year 1 trips letter

Thursday 21st November - KS1 Poet Visit from James Carter - A great session with James with the chance to purchase a book which can be signed! - see Year 1 trips letter

Wednesday 4th December - Creature Teacher workshops - see Year 1 trips letter

Thursday 5th December - Christmas Fayre at Meon Infant School

Friday 6th December - Meon Elfridges Children's Christmas shopping

Monday 16th @ 10.30am and Wednesday 18th December @ 2pm - Nativity performance at St James' Church

Thursday 19th December - Christmas lunch and special visitor to school!

Friday 20th December - Class Christmas Parties and last day of term

Monday 6th January - INSET day

Tuesday 7th January - Spring Term begins

****Thank you all for your continued support - Miss Knight & Mrs Reid****